talk on inland water transit and trade agreement because of the pre-conditions imposed by the Bangladesh Government;

(b) whether Government propose to continue the talks with the Bangladesh Government for a negotiated settlement; and

(c) if so, when the proposed discussions are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Talks between delegations from India and Bangladesh to discuss the renewal of the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade were held in New Delhi from January 28 to 30, 1987. Discussions focussed on the renewal of the Protocol, operational matters and the payment of annual charges for maintenance of and provision of services on routes maintained by Bangladesh, primarily for the use of Indian transit traffic. Discussions on some of the issues could not be completed. It is expected that these will be resumed in Dhaka by June this year.

Production of cloth in NTC Mills in Madhya Pradesh

759. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what targets, if any, were fixed for the production of cloth in each of National Textile Corporation mills of Madhya Pradesh, during the last year and the current financial year;

(b) what has been the actual production of cloth in each of the NTC mills in Madhya Pradesh during the last year and so far during the current financial year;

(c) what are the modernisation and rationalisation plans for each of the NTC mills of Madhya Pradesh and what is the time schedule; and

(d) what is the extent of losses being incurred in each of the NTC mills of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Statement-I showing the mill-wise cloth production targets and actual production in respect of mills under NTC (Madhya Pradesh) during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 (upto December, 1986) is attached. (*See* below).

(c) During the Seventh Plan modernization schemes costing about Rs. 3.64 crores have already been sanctioned so far as per mill-wise details given below:—

Name of the Mill	Amount sanctioned
	(Rs. in lakhs)
Indore Malwa United Mills, Indore	95·30
Kalyanmal Mills, Indore	62·70
Swadeshi Cotton & Flour Mills, Indore	44·67
Hira Mills, Ujjain	21·24
Burhanpur Tapti Mills, Burhanpur	49·60
Bengal Nagpur Cotton Mills, Rajnandgaon	60·91
New Bhopal Textile Mills, Bhopal	29·78
	364·20

As regards rationalization a target of 2000 posts to be abolished, has been indicated for the year 1987-88 for the entire subsidiary. Mill-wise targets have not been finalised as yet.

(d) Statement-II showing the losses incurred by each mill under NTC (MP) during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 is attached.

Statement-I

(Figures in million mtrs.)

Name of the Mill	Targets of cloth production		Actual production of cloth	
	1985-86	1985-86 (April-December, 1986)	1986-87	1986-87 (April-December, 1986)
1. Hira Mills, Ujjain	16.0	11.1	14.0	9.3
2. Swadeshi Cotton & Flour Mills, Indore	15.7	11.9	15.0	10.2
3. Indore Malwa United Mills, Indore	30.8	22.6	29.3	17.5
4. Kalyanmal Mills, Indore	23.7	15.3	20.7	13.7
5. Burhanpur Tapti Mills, Burhanpur	18.0	13.4	18.8	12 4
6. Bengal Nagpur Cotton Mills, Rajnandgaon	21.3	15.6	16.8	9.6
7. New Bhopal Textile Mills, Bhopal	12.1	9.4	12.3	8.7
TOTAL	137.6	99.3	126.9	81.4

Statement- II

Profit/.oss of mills under NTC (MP) Indore.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the mill	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1. Hira Mills, Ujjain	—243.12	— 277.49	—218.52
2. Swadeshi Cotton & Flour Mills, Indore	—258.92	—270.65	—214.29
3. New Bhopal Textile Mills, Bhopal	—79.98	—123.14	—50 09
4. Burhanpur Tapti Mills Burhanpur	—145 53	—126.36	- 41.85
5. Bengal Nagpur Cotton Mills, Rajnandagon	—218.84	—216.74	—104 48
6. Indore Malwa United Mills, Indore	—443.94	—410 88	—144 03
7. Kalyanmal Mills Indore	— 204.91	—311.81	—147 37

Safeguarding the interests of Slate and Pencil Workers

760. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any fresh initiatives to safeguard the interests of workers working in the slate and pencil industries and mines of Madhya Pradesh who are prone to the attack of silicosis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of morbidity and mortality rates which can be attributed to the conditions pre-